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SUBJECT: GENEVA GROUP (ILO) NEW DIRECTIONS FOR ILO

1. GENEVA GROUP (ILO) MEETING ATTENDED BY ALL MEMBERS AND OBSERVERS EXCEPT FRANCE CHAIRED BY U. S. ON FEBRUARY 19 OFR PURPOSE OF FURTHER DISCUSSION OF U. S. PROPOSAL UNDER AGENDA ITEM 5B OF ELEVENTH CONSULTATION ON SPECIALIZED AGENCIES, I. E. NEW DIRECTIONS FOR ILO.

2. U. S. PRESENTATION MADE BY HEATER WHO HIGHLIGHTED IMPORTANCE OF SERIOUS AND THOROUGHGOING TREATMENT BY MEMBER GOVERNMENTS IF STUDY TO BE SUCCESSFUL. HE ASKED MEMBERS TO CONSIDER AND COMMENT IF POSSIBLE ON QUESTION WHETHER THEIR GOVERNMENTS WERE PREPARED TO DESIGNATE STAFF FOR SUCH STUDY WHO COULD DEVOTE ONE OR MORE MAN YEARS OF EFFORT.

3. ALTHOUGH NO MEMBERS OR OBSERVERS PRESENT WERE PREPARED TO COMMIT THEIR GOVERNMENT TO THIS EXTEND AND SEVERAL COMMENTED ON THE PROBLEM OF INSUFFICIENT STAFF DEALING WITH INT ORGS IN THEIR GOVERNMENTS, IT WAS APPARENT THAT ALL THOSE PRESENT WERE GENERALLY SYMPATHETIC AND WOULD PROBABLY BE PREPARED TO PARTICIPATE TO SOME EXTENT IN THE TYPE OF STUDY PROPOSED. CANADA WAS THE MOST FORTHCOMING IN THIS RESPECT WITH ITALY, JAPAN AND NETHERLANDS ALSO IN STRONG

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SUPPORT. NO REPRESENTATIVE OPPOSED PROJECT OR INDICATED AN UN-

WILLINGNESS TO PARTICIPATE ALTHOUGH SOME CAUTIONED AGAINST TREATMENT OF THE POLITICAL ASPECTS OF THE PROBLEMS FACED BY ILO AND ALSO THOUGHT THAT ILO SHOULD NOT BE SINGLED OUT AS THE ONLY AGENCY (BUT RATHER, THE FIRST) TO BE SUBJECTED TO SUCH AN EXAMINATION.

4. THERE APPEARED MUCH DESIRE FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AS TO PROCEDURES AND MODALITIES FOR MAKING THE STUDY INCLUDING A CLEARER INDICATION OF THE ROLES OF GOVERNMENTS, GENEVA GROUP ETC. U. S. AGREED CIRCULATE A PAPER GIVING ITS VIEWS ON PROCEDURES AND ON WHAT SHOULD BE THE NEXT STEP.

5. ALTHOUGH NO DATE SET FOR NEXT MEETING SEVERAL DELEGATIONS SUBSEQUENT TO MEETING HAVE EXPRESSED DESIRE FOR ANOTHER MEETING AS SOON AS U. S. PROPOSALS RE PROCEDURES AND RESPONSIBILITIES HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED AND COMMUNICATED TO GOVERNMENTS.

6. MISSION OFFICER APPROACHED BY REPRESENTATIVE OF FRENCH MISSION APOLOGIZING FOR NON-ATTENDANCE OF MEETING WHICH DUE TO PERSONAL EMERGENCY AND INDICATING FRANCE'S STRONG INTEREST IN IDEA OF AND READINESS TO PARTICIPATE IN STUDY.DALE

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